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1. THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY OFFICE IS PREPARING A REPORT ON THE NATIONAL SCIENCE POLICY MECHANISM (INCLUDING SCIENCE MINISTER ACTIVITY AS WELL AS COMMITTEE AND OTHER ADVISORY MECHANISMS) OF SELECTED INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. THE OECD REVIEWS OF NATIONAL SCIENCE POLICY AND THE RECENTLY COMPLETED OECD RESEARCH SYSTEMS, VOLUMES I-III PROVIDE A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR THIS EFFORT.

2. THE STPO WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE FROM THE OECD SECRETARIAT IN THE FORM OF SUMMARY REVIEWS OF THE SCIENCE STRUCTURE AT THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN COUNTRIES COVERED IN EITHER OF THE PRECEDING REVIEW SERIES, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CHANGES IN STRUCTURE, OR FUNCTIONS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THIS REVIEW WOULD INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF ANY SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION IN THE

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CLUE AN ASSESSMENT OF ANY SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION IN THE

OPERATIONAL CHARACTER OF THE SCIENCE POLICY MECHANISM WHICH IS NOT APPARENT FROM THE FORMAL STRUCTURAL OR FUNCTIONAL CHANGES.

3. SUMMARY REVIEW IN THIS CONTEXT IS A BRIEF DOCUMENT ON EACH COUNTRY OF LESS THAN 10 PAGES DONE IN A FORMAT SUCH THAT INTER-COUNTRY COMPARISONS CAN EASILY BE MADE. AN OVERVIEW DOCUMENT OF SIMILAR LENGTH WHICH COMMENTS ON THE MAJOR TRENDS OR THEMES IS ALSO DESIRED. ALSO SOUGHT, IF AVAILABLE IS INFORMATION ON USSR, PRC AND ANY OECD MEMBER NATIONS NOT COVERED IN RECENT OECD REPORTS. THE OVERALL REPORT BY STPO IS PLANNED FOR LATE SEPTEMBER. PLEASE ADVISE AS TO THE NATURE OF REVIEW THAT OECD COULD COMPLETE BY MID-SEPTEMBER.

4. STPO IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT IF NECESSARY TO INSURE THE TIMELINES AND QUALITY OF THE PRODUCT. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THESE DETAILS BE DISCUSSED WITH DR. DREW ON THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1974. KISSINGER

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